



1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 27

2 WHEREAS, In 2010 the State of Illinois enacted a new set of  
3 pension benefits for public employees in State-funded pension  
4 systems; and

5 WHEREAS, Public employees hired on or after January 1, 2011  
6 are commonly referred to as "Tier 2" members; and

7 WHEREAS, These Tier 2 members include public school  
8 teachers in K-12 classrooms throughout the State of Illinois;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Public school teachers do not receive Social  
11 Security, and many pension experts believe that Tier 2 benefits  
12 do not provide a pension that is at least equal to that federal  
13 program; and

14 WHEREAS, It is essential that Illinois provide a benefit  
15 and pay package that will attract the most talented and  
16 ambitious teachers in the country to our schools; and

17 WHEREAS, These benefits have been in effect for newly hired  
18 public school teachers for over two years with no study of how  
19 this has impacted recruitment and retention of teachers in  
20 Illinois; and

1           WHEREAS, It is appropriate for the General Assembly to  
2 study the impact of these benefits on the State's ability to  
3 provide the best teachers to our children; therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
6 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Teacher Recruiting and  
7 Retention Task Force be created to study the impact of these  
8 Tier 2 pension benefits on the ability of school districts to  
9 recruit and retain teachers in public school classrooms; and be  
10 it further

11           RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of 2 members of  
12 the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the  
13 House, one of whom shall serve as co-chair, 2 members of the  
14 House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Leader of  
15 the House, 2 members of the Senate appointed by the President  
16 of the Senate, one of whom shall serve as co-chair, 2 members  
17 of the Senate appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate,  
18 and 2 members appointed by the Governor; and be it further

19           RESOLVED, That 2 members from a statewide school alliance  
20 and 2 members from separate unions representing public school  
21 teachers statewide shall be appointed by the co-chairs to the  
22 Task Force; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education shall provide  
2 all necessary support to the Task Force; and be it further

3           RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall report its findings to  
4 the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 1,  
5 2014.